

Congressman Earl Blumenauer will announce legislation on Friday that will direct the President to redeploy United States Armed Forces from Iraq, beginning with National Guard soldiers currently in the country.

"Our security depends on the President changing the course in Iraq," said Blumenauer. "This legislation will begin the redeployment of our troops with the National Guard because they also have an important role here at home, fighting forest fires, providing hurricane relief, and keeping our country safe."

Although other resolutions have been introduced in Congress directing the President to withdrawal troops from Iraq, Blumenauer's legislation would be the first to direct a troop withdrawal starting with National Guard soldiers.

March 20th 2006 marks the third anniversary of United States military involvement in Iraq. Blumenauer opposed the original authorization for war, and has regularly opposed all "emergency" funding for the war. In November 2005, he laid out an 11 point plan for the sensible withdrawal of troops from Iraq.